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SOME CHOICE PLANTS NOW AVAILABLE FROM LOCAL NURSERIES

Before getting off spring plant orders or making personal selections at the nursery or garden center it would put the home gardener in good stead to know what some of the choice subjects currently available from local commercial growers are, what these plants have to offer in the way of special attractions and qualifications and how they may best be fitted into the landscape picture.

Since a considerable interval often elapses between the time new or out-of-the ordinary plants are introduced, tested and appraised by arboreta, botanical gardens, nurseries and private growers and the time they become available to home gardeners, frequent publicity is necessary to prevent interest in them from lagging or from being lost entirely. This is our reason for mentioning so often certain Arboretum favorites and for reemphasizing their virtues and landscape possibilities.

While the quest for the unusual frequently necessitates going further afield, our local nurseries offer a surprisingly fine assortment of choice nursery stock as the following listing shows. If your favorite grower is not included your reminder of the willingness of the Arboretum to share propagating material will perhaps stimulate a desire to enlarge his plant list. Only by so doing will better plants become more readily obtainable.

TREES

Scientific Name

Common Name

Sources

Acer platanoides columnare Columnar Norway Maple 1
Upright branched tree of narrow columnar habit; Uses, accent planting or for narrow screens.

Acer rubrum columnare Columnar Red Maple 1
Densely foliaged columnar tree with brilliant red fall color; Uses, accent planting or screening.

Aesculus bippocastanum baumanni

Baumann Doubleflowering Horsechestnut

1

Oval shaped tree with bold foliage and double white flowers in erect spikes; Uses, lawn specimen.

- Alnus glutinosa European Alder 1
 Picturesque, often multiple trunked tree with decorative catkins; Uses, waterside planting.
- Amelanchier grandiflora Snowy or Apple Shadblow 2
 Small horizontally branched tree with decorative white flowers, blue black fruit and orange terra cotta fall color; Uses, specimen.
- Amelanchier laevis

 Allegheny Shadblow

 1-2

 Multiple trunked small tree of oval habit with decorative flowers and edible fruit and orange terra cotta fall color; Uses, specimen, naturalistic plantings.
- Carpinus betulus European Hornbeam 14
 Dense rounded tree with persistent foliage; Uses, specimen, screening, hedges.
- Carpinus caroliniana American Hornbeam 1-14
 Irregular small tree with decorative foliage, bright fall color and gray muscular bark; Uses, naturalistic, tolerates shade.
- Carpinus caroliniana pyramidalis
 (syn. fastigiata) Pyramidal American Hornbeam 1
 Narrow pyramidal tree; Uses, accent.
- Cercis canadensis alba Whitebud 1-2
 Irregular small tree with white flowers, yellow fall foliage color; Uses, specimen, naturalistic plantings.
- Cercis canadensis "Pink Charm" Pink Redbud 1-2
 Small tree with soft clear pink flowers before the leaves; Uses, same as above.
- Crataegus lavallei

 Dark glossy-leaved small tree of compact habit with attractive flowers, persistent red fruit and purplish bronze fall color; Uses, specimen, street tree.
- Fagus sylvatica heterophylla Cutleaf European Beech 1
 Shapely rounded tree with dense, narrowly incised foliage; Uses, lawn or park specimen.
- Fagus sylvatica pendula Weeping European Beech Picturesque round headed pendulous branched tree; Uses, specimen.
- Fagus sylvatica riversi

 Attractive round headed tree with deep purplish red foliage; Uses, specimen for lawns, parks, cemeteries.
- Halesia carolina Carolina Silverbell 1-14
 Small tree with pendent white flowers (May) tan capsular fruits and striped bark; Uses, specimen, naturalistic plantings.
- Halesia monticola Mountain Silverbell 14
 Taller pyramidal tree with larger flowers; Uses, same as above.
- Magnolia denudata
 Yulan Magnolia
 Early flowering small round headed tree with fragrant creamy white blossoms;
 Uses, specimen.

- Magnolia virginiana (syn. glauca) Sweetbay Magnolia 1-2-4-14
 Small tree with glossy, long persistent foliage, fragrant white flowers and decorative red fruit; Uses, specimen, tolerates moist locations.
- x Malus "Dorothea" Dorothea Crab 2-10-14
 Round headed small annual bearing tree with semi-double rose colored flowers and attractive persistent bright yellow fruit; Uses, specimen.
- x Malus "Katherine" Katherine Crab 1-2-10-14
 Small tree of loose open habit with very large double light pink flowers changing to pure white and small red fruit; Uses, specimen.
- x Malus "Prince Georges"

 Prince Georges Crab

 1-2-10

 Broad round headed tree of dense habit with very late, very double light pink flowers. Floriferous; Uses, specimen.
- Phellodendron chinense Chinese Cork Tree 1
 Round headed, short trunked tree with dark green foliage and spectacular green to black fruit; Uses, lawn specimen, street tree.
- Prunus padus European Bird Cherry 1-2-14
 Early leafing round headed tree with showy fragrant white flowers in drooping racemes; Uses, specimen, shade tree.
- Quercus coccinea Scarlet Oak
 Slow growing round headed tree with the most brilliant scarlet fall coloring
 of any of the oaks; Uses, specimen, shade tree, adaptable to light sandy soils.
- Quercus robur fastigiata Pyramidal English Oak 2
 Erect grower of narrow columnar habit; Uses, accent.
- Espalier (Trained) Fruit Trees Malus, Prunus, Pyrus in variety 1-5
 Trained fruit trees of interesting form furnishing flowers and fruit; Uses, to add interest to walls and buildings.

CONIFEROUS EVERGREENS

- Abies concolor pyramidalis Pyramidal White Fir 1-14
 A dense pyramidal form of the most adaptable fir for mid-western plantings; needles long, silvery; Uses, accent, screen.
- Juniperus horizontalis Bar Harbor Bar Harbor Juniper 1
 Creeping procumbent Juniper with gray green needles turning slaty purple in winter; Uses, ground cover on sunny banks or slopes, foundation planting.
- Juniperus procumbens nana Hill Japanese Juniper 3

 Dwarf slow growing form with dense silvery green needles; Uses, specimen, foundation planting, foreground of evergreen groupings.
- Larix decidua^D European Larch 1-2
 Fast growing tall pyramidal conifer with attractive light green needles (deciduous), golden fall color; Uses, accent, specimen, background.

Deciduous, loses its foliage annually in the fall.

- Larix leptolepis^D

 Japanese Larch

 Picturesque tree of spreading habit with short horizontal branches, large needles and peeling gray bark; Uses, specimen.
- Pinus strobus fastigiata
 (syn. pyramidalis)

 Ascending branched variety forming a narrow pyramidal head; Uses, specimen.
- Pinus sylvestris watereri Waterer Scotch Pine Dense low growing pyramid with blue green needles; Uses, specimen.
- Pseudotsuga taxifolia fastigiata Columnar Douglas Fir An upright branched pyramidal form with typical needles; Uses, accent.
- Taxus media wardi Ward Anglojap Yew 1-2
 Low growing (to 4 ft.) spreading flat topped variety with stubby dark green needles; Uses, specimen, underplanting.
- Tsuga canadensis pendula (syn. sargenti pendula) Sargent Weeping Hemlock 1
 Picturesque mounded variety with pendulous branches; Uses, specimen.

SHRUBS

- Aesculus parviflora

 Bold leaved mounded bush (to 8 ft.) with erect white flower spikes in July; yellow fall color; Uses, specimen, naturalistic plantings.
- Amelanchier stolonifera Running Shadblow 1-2-14
 Stoloniferous shrub (to 4 ft.) with attractive white flowers, purplish black fruit and brilliant fall foliage color; Uses, facer in naturalistic plantings.
- Berberis koreana Korean Barberry 1-2
 Erect branched shrub combining attractive yellow flowers, red fruit and brilliant orange red autumn foliage color; Uses, specimen, shrubbery borders, barrier plant.
- x Berberis mentorensis

 Compact bushy shrub (to 5 ft.) with persistent leathery dark green foliage;
 Uses, shrubbery borders, hedging.
- Berberis thunbergi atropurpurea
 nana "Crimson Pygmy"

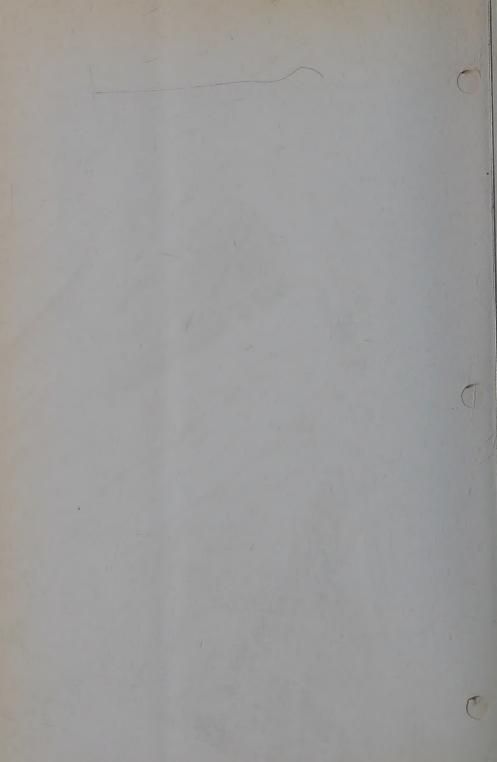
 Crimson Pygmy Barberry

 Dwarf rounded shrub (to 18") with attractive red foliage; Uses, edgings, low hedges, specimen.
- Berberis thunbergi aurea Goldenleaved Japanese Barberry 2 Compact shrub with golden yellow foliage; Uses, specimen, shrubbery borders.
- Buddleia alternifolia Fountain Butterfly Bush 2
 Graceful, arching branched bush (to 8 ft.) with willowy foliage and very frangrant lilac purple flowers; Uses, border.
- Buxus microphylla koreana Korean Littleleaf Boxwood 1-2 Compact shrub with small evergreen leaves. Turns brownish in winter; Uses, specimen, hedging, borders.

Deciduous, loses its foliage annually in the fall.



Blossoming Climbing Hydrangea (Hydrangea petiolaris), on a wall of north east exposure at Cary, Illinois.



Chaenomeles lagenaria "Knaphill

Scarlet' Knaphill Scarlet Japanese Quince 2
Picturesque, irregularly branched low shrub with scarlet flowers; Uses, specimen.

Cornus alternifolia Pagoda Dogwood 1-2-13-14
Tall shrub with horizontal branches arranged in tiers, attractive creamy flowers and blue fruit on red stems; Uses, specimen, naturalistic plantings.

Cornus officinalis

Japanese Corneliancherry Dogwood

2-14

Tall bushy shrub with early yellow flowers, excellent bright green summer foliage and edible red fruit; Uses, specimen, shrubbery borders.

Cornus stolonifera kelseyi Kelseydwarf Red Osier Dogwood 2
Dwarf compact shrub with erect red stems (winter) and bold foliage; Uses, specimen, shrubbery borders, hedging.

Cotoneaster adpressa praecox Early Cotoneaster 1-2-5

Dwarf, slender stemmed form with almost prostrate branches and bright red fruit; Uses, specimen, ground cover (sun), shrubbery borders.

Cotoneaster apiculata Cranberry Cotoneaster 1-2
Low mounded shrub (to 4 ft.) with glossy dark green rounded foliage, pinkish white flowers and large bright red fruit; Uses, specimen, foundation planting, shrubbery border.

Cotoneaster multiflora

Manyflower Cotoneaster

1-2-5-10-

1-2-7-10-

Tall arching branched shrub with clean foliage, white flowers and abundant

Daphne mezereum (to 3 ft.)

February Daphne

Early blooming (March-April) shrub (to 5 ft.) with fragrant pinkish lilac

red fruit; Uses, specimen, shrubbery borders.

flowers, red fruit; Uses, specimen.

Elaeagnus umbellata

Tall silvery leaved shrub with fragrant creamy yellow flowers and red, gold dotted berries; Uses, specimen, shrubbery borders.

Hamamelis vernalis Vernal Witchhazel 1-2-5-14
The earliest witchhazel to flower (Jan.-Feb.-Mar.); blossoms yellow, old gold, red; bold foliage turning clear yellow in fall; Uses, specimen, naturalistic plantings.

Hydrangea quercifolia Oakleaf Hydrangea
Round headed species (to 5 ft.) with bold oak-like foliage, white flower spikes and brilliant fall color; Uses, specimen, shade tolerant.

Ilex verticillata Winterberry 1-2-13-14

Medium sized (to 8 ft.) deciduous holly with conspicuous persistent red fruit; Uses, shrubbery borders (likes moisture).

Lonicera "Claveys Dwarf" Claveys Dwarf Honeysuckle

Dwarf, compact shrub (to 4 ft.) with gray green foliage, dense, silvery winter twigs; Uses, quick hedges, shrubbery borders.

Lonicera fragrantissima Winter Honeysuckle 1-2-9
Rounded arching branched shrub with persistent leathery foliage, fragrant white flowers and red fruit; Uses, foundation planting, shrubbery borders, screening.

Mahonia aquifolium Oregongrape Mahonia 1-2-4-14 Low shrub with dark semi-evergreen foliage, yellow flowers, blue fruit; Uses, foundation planting (shaded), shrubbery borders.

Myrica pennsylvanica

Bayberry

Dwarf shrub with stiff branches, thick persistent leathery foliage and grayish white waxy fruit; Uses, shrubbery borders (foreground) in well drained soil.

Orixa japonica Japanese Orixa 2 Medium sized shrub with distinctive bold, deeply veined, glossy, yellow green foliage. Aromatic; Uses, specimen, accent.

Photinia villosa Oriental Photinia 1
Upright bush with slender spreading branches, white flowers, bright red fruit, colorful autumn foliage; Uses, specimen, shrubbery borders, screening.

Potentilla fruticosa "Gold Drop" Gold Drop Bush Cinquefoil 2-14 Compact mounded shrub (to 2½ ft.) with fine textured foliage and golden yellow flowers with an extended blooming season; Uses, shrubbery or perennial borders in sun.

Potentilla fruticosa "Katherine Dykes" Katherine Dykes Bush Cinquefoil 2-14 A taller (3 ft.) but equally graceful variety with light yellow flowers throughout the summer; Uses, shrubbery or perennial borders in sun.

Pyracantha coccinea lalandi

Stiff branched semi-evergreen shrub bearing an abundance of persistent orange scarlet berries; Uses, espalier, specimen.

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Rhus aromatica (syn. canadensis) Fragrant Sumac 14
(true dwarf type)
Dwarf (4 ft.) widespreading semi-procumbent shrub with brilliant orange red

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Rosa rugosa "Max Graf" Max Graf Rose
1
Procumbent variety (to 1 ft.) with dark green foliage and large, single pink flowers (June); Uses, ground cover on banks and slopes (sun).

Symphoricarpos chenaulti "Hancock" Hancock Prostrate Coralberry

Dwarf shrub (to 2 ft.) forming a neat mat of fine textured foliage. Fruit rose
pink; Uses, ground cover (sun or part shade).

Symphoricarpos chenaulti Magic Berry Coralberry 2

"Magic Berry"

Twiggy, fine textured low shrub (to 3 ft.) with showy rose pink fruit; Uses, shrubbery border.

Viburnum carlcephalum Fragrant Snowball 2-12-14
Spring blooming hybrid form (to 6 ft.) valued for its profuse and very fragrant globular white flower clusters; Uses, specimen.

Viburnum fragrans Fragrant Viburnum 1
Erect branched medium sized shrub (to 8 ft.) valued for its early fragrant pink flowers (April); Uses, specimen.

Viburnum fragrans alba White Fragrant Viburnum 2
White flowered variety of the above of heliotrope fragrance; Uses, specimen.

Viburnum rhytidophylloides Lantanophyllum Viburnum 2 (syn. lantanophyllum)

Bold textured erect branched shrub with dark green, persistent foliage; Uses, specimen, shrubbery border.

Viburnum tomentosum mariesi Maries Doublefile Viburnum 2
Picturesque horizontally branched shrub with handsome white flowers in flat
clusters and showy red fruit and fall color; Uses, specimen, foundation planting.

VINES

Akebia quinata

Fiveleaf Akebia

Graceful high climbing twiner with persistent 5 parted oval leaves and small purplish flowers (spring); Uses, covering for walls, trellises and fences.

Hydrangea petiolaris Climbing Hydrangea 1-2-8
Spectacular high climbing vine with rounded dark green foliage and very showy creamy flowers in large flat clusters (June); Uses, climber for masonry walls, tree trunks and trellises.

GROUND COVERS

Euonymus Fortunei radicans Wintercreeper Euonymus 1-8
A neat, uniformly growing procumbent variety retaining its dark foliage the year around; Uses, ground cover for shade or part shade.

Euonymus obovata Running Euonymus 8-11
Deciduous creeper with flat interlacing greenish stems, light green foliage and decorative warty red fruit; Uses, ground cover in shade or part shade.

Hedera helix "Bulgarian Ivy"

A hardy large leaved Ivy with glossy evergreen foliage; Uses, ground cover (shade), climber.

Hosta (Funkia) in variety Plantain Lily 8

(a very extensive assortment)

Bold textured perennials with decorative foliage and attractive late flowers;
Uses, ground cover (shade), accent specimens.

Iberis tenoreana Tenore Candytuft 10
Low growing (6 to 8 in.) evergreen leaved perennial with profuse white flowers; Uses, ground cover (sun or light shade).

Pachistima Canbyi

Canby Pachistima

1-2-6-8

Diminutive shrub (to 1 ft.) of neat bushy habit with fine textured evergreen foliage; Uses, ground cover under evergreens.

Pachysandra procumbens
Allegheny or Mountain
Pachysandra
Beciduous species (to 8 in.) with soft green foliage and precocious creamy
flowers in spikes; Uses, ground cover in shade.

Vinca minor alba White Periwinkle 1-8-15
Trailing evergreen perennial with glossy dark green foliage and white flowers;
Uses, ground cover in shade or part shade (light soil).

Vinca minor atropurpurea Purple flowering Periwinkle 8
A purple flowered variety of the Common Periwinkle; Uses, same as above.

KEY TO NURSERIES

- 1. Charles Fiore Nurseries-Prairie View 1, Illinois
- 2. Glendale Nursery-North Avenue, Glen Ellyn, Illinois
- 3. D. Hill Nursery Company-Dundee, Illinois
- 4. Hinsdale Nurseries-7200 South Madison Road, Hinsdale, Illinois
- 5. Hooks Nursery-Rt. 1, Box 350, Lake Zurich, Illinois
- Hopperton Nursery—U. S. Highway No. 34, Naperville Township, Naperville, Illinois
- 7. Leesleys Nurseries Inc.—Rt. 1, Box 289, Libertyville, Illinois
- 8. Mackwood Gardens-Lotus Woods, Spring Grove, Illinois
- 9. Maywood Nursery Company-206 South 4th Ave., Maywood, Illinois
- 10. Mission Gardens-Waukegan Road, Techny, Illinois
- 11. Ravinia Nurseries Inc.-West Deerfield Road, Deerfield, Illinois
- 12. Schroeders Nursery—Dempster Street near Milwaukee Ave., Des Plaines, Illinois
- 13. Eugene A. de St. Aubin and Bro., Inc.-Addison, Illinois
- 14. Matt Tures & Sons Nursery-1500 Lee Street, Des Plaines, Illinois
- 15. Thorndale Farms-Woodstock, Illinois

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